Dear Colleague:

The Education and Human Resources (EHR) Directorate would like to take this opportunity to inform you about its implementation of the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) management goals for the use of FastLane and encourage your participation. FastLane uses the World Wide Web to facilitate business transactions and the exchange of information between NSF and its client communities in submitting and reviewing proposals, the submission of annual and final project reports, and all other post-award notifications and requests. The FastLane system has been under development for several years and is scheduled for full implementation by October 1, 2000.

In Important Notice No. 123, issued September 3, 1998, NSF established the following requirements as steps to full FastLane implementation.

➢ As of October 1, 1999, all Annual and Final Project Reports should be submitted through FastLane.
➢ Starting January 1, 2000, Post-Award Notifications and Requests submissions are to be made using FastLane.
➢ By October 1, 2000, FastLane will be used to receive all full proposals; conduct reviews, process award actions, and handle other interactions with the research and education communities.

EHR has implemented the first two directives, and has committed resources to assure the full implementation of FastLane in the coming year. Members of the EHR staff have received FastLane orientation and training to equip them with the management and technical skills needed to better serve our clients. Each division has designated at least one FastLane contact specifically trained to provide online technical assistance to help you in submitting proposals, reviews, and post-award notifications. (A list of EHR FastLane Contacts is enclosed.) In addition, the Directorate has appointed a Staff Associate for FastLane Implementation to oversee all FastLane activities and policies at the Directorate level.

A top priority for the Foundation and EHR this year is to provide FastLane outreach activities and workshops to the research and education communities. The FastLane workshops provide an overview of the system and hands-on training using its proposal, reviewer, and project reporting modules. FastLane outreach activities and workshops are coordinated centrally by NSF

FastLane staff and supported collaboratively by the directorates. Scheduled outreach activities and workshops are posted on the FastLane homepage.

EHR is very interested in the readiness of the special communities it serves to use FastLane. For example, to ensure their successful participation we have conducted FastLane workshops for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Tribal Colleges, and two-year college faculty and staff. If you are interested in scheduling a FastLane workshop on your campus or at a professional meeting, please contact Griselio P. Moranda (gmoranda@nsf.gov), Staff Associate for FastLane Implementation.

The Foundation's GPRA goals for FastLane in fiscal year 2000 are to receive and process at least 60% of full proposals and at least 85% of all eligible project reports through FastLane. In order to achieve these GPRA goals, EHR is requiring that proposals submitted in response to all new EHR program solicitations use FastLane. EHR program deadlines and target dates are enclosed. They can also be accessed from the FastLane homepage https://www.fastlane.nsf.gov. All NSF program deadlines and target dates are available from the Grants and Awards section of the NSF homepage http://www.nsf.gov.

We encourage you to use FastLane when conducting business with the NSF. All EHR staff are prepared to make your transition to using FastLane as smooth as possible, so do not hesitate in contacting us if you are in need of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Deadline and Target Dates
Education

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About this list – These deadline dates are produced from the Online Document system as of **June 12, 2000**. They include the previous month and upcoming **deadlines** and **target dates**.

Important – Deadline and target dates are subject to change, and details concerning these dates may be found in the individual publications listed below, or on the deadline and target date pages maintained by the program areas.

Sorted by Deadline Date

Program Title	NSF Number
NSF Graduate Teaching Fellows in K-12 Education (Education, NSF-wide)	**NSF 00-46**
• Deadline Date	May 1, 2000
Program for Gender Equity in Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology (Education)	**NSF 99-25**
• Small Experimental Projects*D2	May 1, 2000
Urban Systemic Program: K-12 Higher Education Partnerships (KHEP) (Education)	**NSF 00-45**
• Deadline Date	May 5, 2000
Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE); Program Announcement and Guidelines (Education)	**NSF 00-99**
• Preliminary Deadline for Instructional Materials Development	May 9, 2000
Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (Education)	**NSF 00-53**
• Deadline Date	May 11, 2000
Activities in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics for Persons with Disabilities (PPD) (Education)	**NSF 00-69**
• Preproposal Deadline	May 15, 2000
Advanced Technological Education (ATE) – Program Solicitation (Education)	**NSF 00-62**
• Preliminary Proposal Deadline	May 25, 2000
Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE); Program Announcement and Guidelines (Education)	**NSF 00-99**
• Full Deadline for Informal Science Education	May 31, 2000

Research on Learning and Education (ROLE)
(Education)
NSF 00-17

- Full Proposals
June 1, 2000

Course, Curriculum, and Laboratory Improvement Program (CCLI)
(Education)
NSF 00-63

- CCLI A&I Track Proposal Deadline
June 5, 2000

- CCLI EMD and ND Tracks Proposal Deadline
June 6, 2000

Interagency Education Research Initiative (IERI)
(Education)
NSF 00-74

- Proposal Deadline
June 9, 2000

NSF Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarships (CSEMS)
(Education)
NSF 00-85

- Optional Letter of Intent Deadline
June 16, 2000

Information Technology Workforce – Dear Colleague Letter
(Computer/Information Sciences, Education, Engineering, NSF-wide,
Social/Behavioral Sciences)
NSF 00-77

- Proposal Deadline
June 22, 2000

Middle Grades Science Instructional Materials Initiative
(Education)
NSF 00-80

- Preliminary Proposals
July 14, 2000

Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCOR)
(Education, NSF-wide)
NSF 00-43

- Deadline Date
July 17, 2000

Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program
(Biology, Computer/Information Sciences, Education, Engineering, Geosciences,
Math/Physical Sciences, NSF-wide, Polar Programs, Social/Behavioral Sciences)
NSF 00-78

- Preproposal Deadline
July 19, 2000

Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program
(Biology, Computer/Information Sciences, Education, Engineering, Geosciences,
International, Math/Physical Sciences, NSF-wide, Polar Programs,
Social/Behavioral Sciences)
NSF 00-89

- Deadline Date for BIO, CISE, EHR
July 25, 2000

- Deadline Date for ENG
July 26, 2000

- Deadline Date for GEO, MPS, SBE, OPP
July 27, 2000

Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE); Program Announcement and Guidelines **NSF 00-99**
(Education)

- Preliminary Deadline for Informal Science Education — August 2, 2000

NSF Computer Science, Engineering, and Mathematics Scholarships (CSEMS) **NSF 00-85**
(Education)

- Deadline — August 3, 2000

Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE); Program Announcement and Guidelines **NSF 00-99**
(Education)

- Preliminary Deadline for Pilot LSC Projects, Teacher Retention & Renewal, Math & Science Courses for Improving Teacher Qualifications and Professional Development with Emerging Technology — August 14, 2000

- Preliminary Deadline for Applied Research — August 14, 2000

- Preliminary Deadline for ASCEND Projects — August 14, 2000

- Full Deadline for Instructional Materials Development — August 15, 2000

Activities in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics for Persons with Disabilities (PPD) **NSF 00-69**
(Education)

- Formal Proposal Deadline — August 15, 2000

Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE); Program Announcement and Guidelines **NSF 00-99**
(Education)

- Full Deadline for Teacher Enhancement — August 25, 2000

Rural Systemic Initiatives in Science, Mathematics and Technology Education **NSF 00-47**
(Education)

- Implementation Proposals Deadline Date — October 1, 2000

Interagency Education Research Initiative (IERI) **NSF 00-74**
(Education)

- Letter of Intent — October 2, 2000

Human Resource Development for Science, Mathematics and Engineering Education and Research – NSF 98-19 **NSF 98-19**
(Education)

- Alliances for Minority Participation (AMP) — October 16, 2000

HBCU Undergraduate Program **NSF 99-73**
(Education)

- Submissions Date — October 16, 2000

Advanced Technological Education (ATE) – Program Solicitation **NSF 00-62**
(Education)

- Formal Proposal Deadline October 19, 2000

Middle Grades Science Instructional Materials Initiative **NSF 00-80**
(Education)

- Full Proposals October 20, 2000

Elementary, Secondary, and Informal Education (ESIE); Program Announcement **NSF 00-99**
and Guidelines
(Education)

- Full Deadline for Pilot LSC Projects, Teacher Retention & Renewal, Math & October 23, 2000
  Science Courses for Improving Teacher Qualifications and Professional
  Development with Emerging Technology

- Full Deadline for Applied Research October 23, 2000

- Preliminary Deadline for Informal Science Education November 15, 2000

- Full Deadline for ASCEND Projects November 15, 2000

Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program **NSF 00-78**
(Biology, Computer/Information Sciences, Education, Engineering, Geosciences,
Math/Physical Sciences, NSF-wide, Polar Programs, Social/Behavioral Sciences)

- Full Proposal Deadline January 26, 2001

Interagency Education Research Initiative (IERI) **NSF 00-74**
(Education)

- Proposal Deadline February 2, 2001

Urban Systemic Program (USP) in Science, Mathematics, and Technology Education **NSF 00-34**
(Education)

- Proposal Deadline Date March 31, 2001

Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Program **NSF 00-78**
(Biology, Computer/Information Sciences, Education, Engineering, Geosciences,
Math/Physical Sciences, NSF-wide, Polar Programs, Social/Behavioral Sciences)

- Preproposal Deadline June 28, 2001

Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCOR) **NSF 00-43**
(Education, NSF-wide)

- Deadline Date July 17, 2001

Human Resource Development for Science, Mathematics and Engineering **NSF 98-19**
Education and Research – NSF 98-19
(Education)

- Alliances for Minority Participation (AMP) October 15, 2001

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